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Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite!

It all began with a leaf, 300 million years ago.
Anthracite is the only coal which evolved beyond geology. Here, in Northeastern Pennsylvania it became the symbol and identity of a unique region and cultural heritage. We, the “People of the Black Diamond,” are the only people on Earth to take our cultural name from coal mining, iron-making, and railroading. In 1768, Obadiah Gore, a Wyoming Valley blacksmith, first burned anthracite coal in his forge, starting the industrial heritage of the hard coal region. In 2018, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our anthracite family’s origin and destiny.



The celebration kicks off with **Anthracite Mining Heritage Month** in January. A series of programs and lectures focusing on the history and culture of anthracite will be held throughout the region. A partial schedule is below; visit lackawannahistory.org for a full schedule:

Jan. 6, 9 am *Mining in Society*

Boy Scouts of America-Northeastern, PA Council, Merit Badge Day
Open to Boy Scouts of the Northeastern PA Council
4th Floor, Mulligan Science Building, King’s College

Jan. 7, 2 pm *A Day in the Life of an Anthracite Miner:*

The Remarkable Coalmining Artwork of Remo Trieste Russo
Exhibit with presentation by Charles Kumpas at the Catlin House

Jan. 19, 7 pm *A Discussion of Four Historic Anthracite Labor Strikes, 1871-1928*

Panel discussion presented by Sarah Piccini, Lucia Dailey, Michael Knies, and Robert Wolensky at 509 DeNaples Student Center, University of Scranton

Jan 20, 2 pm *Two Knox Disaster Documentaries, 1984 and 2018: Screenings & Commentaries*

presented by Erica Funke and David Brocca plus folk music by Jay Smar at the Anthracite Heritage Museum

Jan. 25, 7 pm *Ethnicity in the Anthracite Region: An Appreciation of Five Local Heritage Groups*

Panel discussion presented by Carol Gargon-Lithuanians, Jim McFarland-Irish, Christine Patterson-Africans, Fiona Powell-Welsh, and Stephanie Longo-Italians with Moderator Ron Faraday at St. John’s the Evangelist Church in Pittston

A Word from the President...

Hello Everyone,

The holiday season is always fun-filled and happy but so quick to pass. I hope you enjoyed the festivities of Christmas and the celebration of the new year that has just begun. The Catlin House was bright and shining as we welcomed members and visitors to this year's open house in early December. A sincere thank you to all who joined us and to the many contributors who offered a year-end gift. The past year was a great success, strengthening the role we play in the community. As in past years, we are so grateful to everyone who gave of their time, talent and resources so generously. From the volunteers who came out to decorate the Catlin House on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to the many individuals and groups that supported us throughout the year, thank you for making 2017 such a triumph!

We now look forward to a new year and the potential it provides for continuing our mission of collecting, preserving and presenting the great history of Lackawanna County. Much is planned for the future with some new and different projects already in the works! Please keep your newsletters handy to stay informed of our calendar of events, and to read some interesting articles and stories about Lackawanna County history.

Now, I would like to propose a challenge: In 2018 sign up at least one new member to our Society! Membership information is detailed below that you can pass on to a friend, relative or coworker; or send a copy of the newsletter to a former local resident you know who now lives out of the area. I hope you accept my challenge to spread the word and bring in a new member, as dues are a such a big part of the funding that allows us to successfully further our mission!

Enough for now. Please accept my wishes for a wonderful new year, and my hope that you all stay well and stay involved,

Michael Gilmartin

The Lackawanna Historical Society 2018

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2018 Membership are now due!

About Membership... Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice, special discounts and invitations to all Society activities, members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to:

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In the Catlin House...

TRUSTEE NEWS

At the general meeting on December 7, the Lackawanna Historical Society members elected the following individuals to serve an additional three-year term on the Board of Trustees: William Conlogue, Donald Frederickson, Thomas Horlacher, Jeffrey Kiefer, Linda Lynett, and Dalida O'Malley. At their January meeting, the LHS Board of Trustees will vote to maintain the following officers: Michael Gilmartin, President; Don Frederickson, Esq., 1st Vice President; Laurie Cadden, 2nd Vice President; William Conlogue, Secretary; Douglas Forrer, Treasurer; Dalida O'Malley, Assistant Treasurer. Thank you to all our Trustees for their continued dedication and good work for the Society throughout the year.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Tom McLane, Scranton



LHS Receives Support

In December, the Lackawanna Historical Society received word that it has been approved to receive a grant in the amount of **\$2766** from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The grant is administered locally through the Pocono Arts Council.

The Society was also pleased to learn that grant funding from the Lackawanna County Arts & Culture Community grant program will be continued this year. We are most grateful to the Lackawanna County Commissioners Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni, and Laureen A. Cummings for their continued interest and support.



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Patrick M. O'Malley • Jerry Notarianni
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13th Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard

By: Col. Edward A. Osman

The Lackawanna Historical Society has many artifacts from Scranton's past. As an old retired military guy, one recently caught my attention. It's an old, worn and tattered flag. A little research showed it once belonged to the 13th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Not familiar with this organization, I did some additional research.

In the years following the Civil War there were many changes to American life, including a struggling economy. Along with this was disaffection, unrest, strikes and, in many cities, riots. In the late summer of 1877, the national transportation system was paralyzed by strikes and lawlessness. One of the effects of this was the closing of the coal mines which threw some 25,000 to 40,000 men out of work in the Lackawanna Valley. Following the lead of the great riots in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia

some 5,000 rioters attempted to loot the city of Scranton. A group of civil war veterans went to the mayor and got permission to organize a "Citizens Protection Corps." This Corps came together to protect Scranton's residents in a moment of crisis, when a mob was marching at Lackawanna and Washington Avenues. The Corps was very effective at dispersing the mob which was greatly appreciated by the mayor. After this, the state recognized that it needed a more permanent

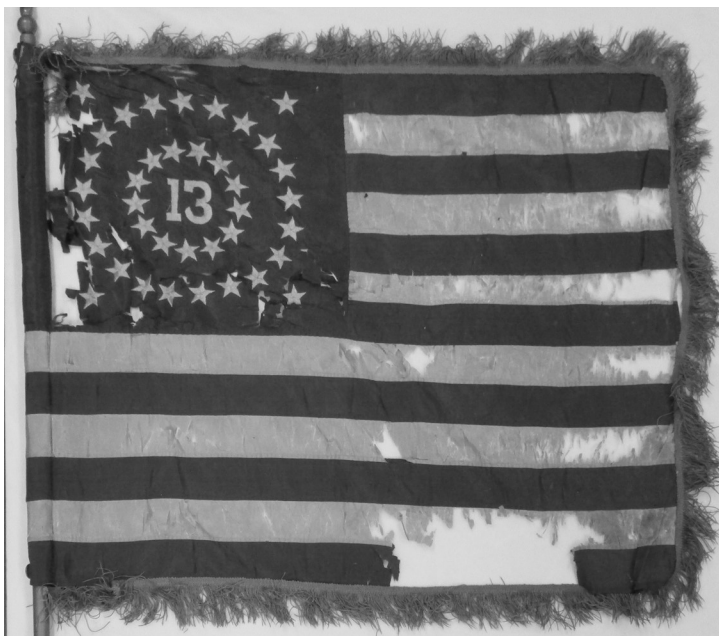
military organization. The first step was the renaming of the Corps as the Scranton City Guard. Then with the recommendation of Governor Hartranft the legislature passed an act reorganizing the Militia of the State. On the 19th of October 1878 the 13th Regiment was officially formed from what had been the Scranton City Guard.

Before this occurred the guard decided it needed an armory if it was going to be an effective organization. Major Henry Boies, who had served with the Ellsworth Zouaves during the Civil War and was elected Major of the 13th regiment, purchased land on the east side of Adams Avenue midway between Linden and Mulberry Streets. The building was completed Jan 31, 1878.

One of the first formal functions the Guard participated in was a parade on the anniversary of the Wyoming Massacre. One

of their duties was escorting the President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes. In return for their excellent performance all had the privilege of shaking the President's hand.

Upon taking command of the Guard one of the first things Major Boies did was begin an organized rifle practice. In the spring of 1878, on the land he acquired between Linden and Mulberry streets and from Clay



13th Regiment flag in the LHS collection. The silk has deteriorated over the years; curator Ella Rayburn stabilized the object with acid-free board and Mylar strips.

Ave. to the boundary line of Nay Aug Park, he set up several rifle ranges. They became known throughout the state for their accuracy with weapons.

Another important event in the early life of the 13th was their first encampment. Boies believed it would be highly beneficial to the regiment as a lesson in actual military service in the field. Initially faced with a problem of where to hold it they received and accepted an offer from the citizens of Long Beach, New Jersey to hold it there. On August 21, 1879, they went into their first camp.

A year later they went into their first Pennsylvania state encampment at Fairmont Park, Philadelphia. While at all their encampments, the 13th improved their military skills. In 1885 they encamped at Mt. Gretna with Col. Hitchcock in command. This was a statewide encampment and for the first time drill competitions were instituted. The 13th won the honors. Afterwards they were complimented by Gen. Sherman of Civil War fame.

On May 13, 1898, the 13th was mustered into service of the U.S. for the Spanish-

WEST SCRANTON CALENDARS ARE BACK!

The 2018 West Scranton Calendars are on sale now at the Catlin House offering a selection of photographs of community businesses, churches and other favorite West Side locales.

Price: \$10 LHS Member Price: \$9

American War. A year later, Col. Louis Watres assumed command of the Regiment. The 13th served in a variety of places along the border and performed well in all of them. One of the things Col. Watres wanted to get done was to build a new armory. He laid the corner stone at the new site on the 900 block of Adams Avenue on November 3, 1900. Work was completed on June 1, 1901.

Border duty for the regiment terminated on March 21, 1917. The 13th returned home to honors and celebrations and settled into its old home. Unfortunately, that was not to be for long. Within six month, on September 26, 1917, the 13th received orders merging it into the 109th infantry and 108th machine gun battalion. Although that was their official end they lived on for years in the hearts and minds of the people of Scranton.

Distinguished for Their Talents: Theatrical Portraits by Scranton's Master Penman P. W. Costello, 1905-1930.

From February 5 through April 23, the Weinberg Memorial Library's Heritage Room will exhibit pen and ink portraits of late 19th and early 20th century theatrical personalities drawn between 1905 and 1930 by Scranton's Master Penmen Patrick W. Costello. Costello was nationally recognized for his engrossing work, a combination of calligraphic lettering and artistic design. In his spare time, he honed his craft, often drawing pen and ink portraits of stage personalities whom he admired, and was fortunate to have some of his subjects autograph their portraits. The exhibit will include a variety of stage actors, some long forgotten but others, like John Barrymore, still very familiar today.

At a free exhibit reception on Tuesday, March 27 at 6 pm Costello's great-grandson, Thomas Costello, will speak on the artist's career and University of Scranton English professor Michael Friedman will discuss Shakespearean performances at the turn of the 20th century.

DINE LACKAWANNA

Want to take a night off from cooking,

NEXT UP:

January 17: *Formosa*

727 S. State St., Clarks Summit (570) 585-1902

February 21: *Pizza by Pappas*

303 N Washington Ave, Scranton (reservations not required)

March 21: *Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar* (tentative)

7011 Shoppes Blvd, Moosic (570) 342-3330

April 18: *Marzoni's*

26 Montage Mountain Rd., Moosic (570) 342-7027

**Like us on Facebook or check our website for future dates!*



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ADVERTISING

Ice Harvest Program

On **Sunday, February 11**, at **2 pm**, local historian Rick Smith will give a presentation on the Pocono ice industry. Once a major industry in the Pocono plateau, the practice continues in Tobyhanna today, using traditional methods and providing ice through the summer months. Join us to learn more about this unique wintertime industry!



Civil War Roundtable Continues



The Scranton Civil War Roundtable will continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Catlin House. Yearly membership is \$20 for an indi-

vidual and \$25 for families and is open to anyone with an interest in the Civil War era 1860-1865. Join us on **January 9** to hear one of our Roundtable members speak about the 1864 **Shohola train wreck** in nearby Pike County. Please check our website or Facebook for upcoming topics.

MEMORIALS

The Society recently received a donation in memory of Moosic residents

Edward Joseph & Catherine (Connolly) McQueen to its Capital Campaign with this note:

...I am at a brick wall finding any relations to either grandparent. I am hoping someone seeing this in the journal will make a familial connection and contact me. I have only one link to McQueen and one to Connolly. Neither has connected with anyone else. Thank you.

*Kathleen (McQueen) Dochtermann Boyd
19350 Magnolia Grove Square, #308
Leesburg, VA 20176*

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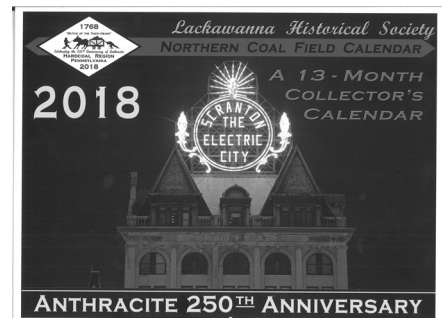
Get Ready for 2018...

250th Anthracite Anniversary License Plates and Calendars Available!



As we kick off the yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of anthracite, show off your anthracite pride with a license plate or calendar! Different license designs celebrate the Irish, Rocky Glen memories, old-time railroads, the Lackawanna Historical Society, local towns, and the anthracite industry.

The collectible calendar features historic and modern images of coal mines, railroads, and trolleys, and lists upcoming events and holidays.



License plates are \$20, and calendars \$15. Both are available for sale at the Catlin House; stop by today to pick up yours!

Pysanky Workshop Returns!

The Society will once again host our popular pysanky egg-making workshop on **Saturday, March 24** at **10 am** and **1 pm** at the Catlin House.



The workshop, hosted by Tammy Budnovitch, a member of SS Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian church, will focus on the basic steps of making pysanky. Cost is \$25 which includes all needed supplies. There will also be pysanky for sale as well as additional supplies. Space is limited, so please call us at 570-344-3841 to reserve yours today!

SAVE THE DATE

In **March**, the Junior League of Scranton will present an exhibit at the Catlin House highlighting moments from their 75-year history of working to improve our community.



The **14th Annual Grand Civil War Ball** will be held on **Saturday, April 14** at the Century Club and the **Ragtime Brunch** will take place at the Radisson on **Sunday, April 15**.

In addition, the Society will host a **vintage accessory sale that weekend** at the Catlin House of items de-accessed from the Society collection.

Study up for the return of ***You Live Here, You Should Know This!*** on **Saturday, May 5** at the Slocum Hollow Bar at Montage. Think you know it all already? Contact us **NOW** to form a team to compete!





We got wired, now we need to wrap it up!!

We are still trying to make our final goal for the Capital Campaign and are most grateful to everyone who has contributed. As we close out the campaign we ask your help in spreading the word to your friends in neighbors. We are \$40,000 short of our goal and realize that if we can get 2000 local residents and friends to each donate \$20, we could finally wrap up the campaign. Our quest is posted on our Facebook page so if you have a page, please consider sharing our effort with your friends. Thanks again to everyone for their support.

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Exporting Scranton

by: Willis Conover

The final installment of Scrantons across the country - your travel plans are complete!

Scranton, North Carolina

With a population today of 120, Scranton is located in Hyde County, in the eastern part of the state. The unincorporated community is near the Purge River and at sea level on Scranton Creek. Originally known as Clark, the town was renamed Scranton for a lumber mill that was relocated there from Scranton PA. In 1892 the Scranton Land and Lumber Company, headed by James M. Rhodes with thirteen Scranton investors, arrived at the location, buying some 16,500 acres of timber and farm land and building a saw mill and store. With its water access to Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, the company established a barge line and carried lumber to northern ports such as Baltimore. By 1907, other lumber interests from Scranton, PA had entered the area.

Scranton, North Dakota

Scranton, with about 280 residents today, is located in Bowman County, in southwest North Dakota. The town was founded in 1907 along the Milwaukee Road rail line and named for Scranton, PA because the new town was located in a coal mining area. The name was selected by John F. Brodie, who headed the Consolidated Coal Company which mined lignite at the site. Brodie, along with officials of the Milwaukee line, laid out the new town and sold building lots. (In 1893, Brodie had married Mary Elizabeth Reilly of Wilkes-Barre.)

Scranton, South Carolina

In eastern South Carolina, south of the city of Florence, in Florence County, Scranton is located on U.S. Route 52 north of Lake City. It has a population of about 870. Originally the town was named Leesville, but residents experienced mail delivery problems be-

cause there was another Leesville in the state. According to one source, a new town name was selected in 1875 after two Scranton, PA residents, who had come into the area looking for a place to set up a saw mill, suggested the name. As a stop on the North Eastern Railroad, 82 miles north of Charleston, the town was situated in an area that produced lumber products including naval stores. Although unconfirmed, it is possible that the local residents who had suggested the town name were workers for one of the Pennsylvania-based lumber companies operating in South Carolina at the time. (Today, the Scranton, S.C. web site contains a video of local highlights accompanied by the theme from "The Office" similar to the opening of the TV series set in the older Scranton.)

Scranton, South Dakota

This Scranton is "historical" according to GNIS, meaning that the name of the community once existed but no more. The community was originally located on the east bank of the Missouri River in Walworth County of north-central South Dakota. Today the site is near Swan Creek on Lake Oahe, created by the damming of the Missouri. In 1883 the community of Scranton served as the county seat, but a more flourishing town to the north called LeBeau supplanted the old Scranton, which changed its name to South LeBeau. Le Beau became a shipping point for cattle on the railroad. The original choice of the Scranton name in the early 1880s may have come from the existence of several Welsh families who had homesteaded in that part of Dakota Territory. Some of those may have come from Scranton, PA. In 1881-1883, William D. Davies, who had lived most of his life in Hyde Park and Scranton, toured the Dakota farm communities to raise funds for the reconstruction of the Hyde Park Chapel of the Calvinistic Methodists. The chapel had collapsed

when a mine under it destroyed its foundations. Reportedly he raised some \$3,500. Davies' visit suggests a connection between the two Scrantons since he notes several homesteaders with Scranton, PA links.

Scranton, Wisconsin

Founded in the lumber country of northern Wisconsin, Scranton sits on the east branch of Black River, in Wood County. The town was also on the Green Bay & Minnesota Railroad that carried lumber between Winona, Minnesota and Lake Michigan, via Green Bay. Joseph H. Scranton, the active capitalist, was an investor in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, president of Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, and sold rails to the Green Bay railroad enterprise. (The railroad's #3 locomotive was named for him.) Walter Scranton was an officer of the Green Bay & Minnesota (1871-1876). In 1873 the GB&MRR fell under the

control of the DLW. By 1880 the town population numbered about 65 as the lumber had been cut and hauled away. Today the GNIS lists it as "historical" (a ghost town).

Conclusion

In the latter part of the 19th century and early years of the 20th when many of these new Scranton communities were founded, the original Scranton was well-known as a prosperous, energetic city built by enterprising capitalists who spread their money and skills far and wide while spreading the Scranton name. Just like the original, some of those Scrantons declined in population when the extractive industries that supported their economies declined as well. But several Scrantons still appear on maps across America, testifying to the exportation of the original Scranton place name.

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- SUN., JAN. 7, 2 PM** ***A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ANTHRACITE MINER***
Exhibit and program presented by Charles Kumpas at the Catlin House (see page 1)
- TUES., JAN. 9, 7 PM** ***CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE: SHOHOLA TRAIN WRECK*** (see page 6)
- WED., JAN. 17** ***DINE LACKAWANNA*** at Formosa (see page 6)
- FRI., JAN. 19, 7 PM** ***A DISCUSSION OF FOUR HISTORIC ANTHRACITE LABOR STRIKES, 1871-1928***
Panel presentation at the DeNaples Student Center (see page 1)
- SUN., FEB. 11, 2 PM** ***POCONO ICE INDUSTRY***
Presentation by Rick Smith at the Catlin House (see page 6)
- WED., FEB. 21** ***DINE LACKAWANNA*** at Pizza by Pappas (see page 6)
- WED., MAR. 21** ***DINE LACKAWANNA*** at Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar (see page 6)
- SAT., MAR. 24,
10 AM & 1 PM** ***PYSANKY WORKSHOP*** at the Catlin House (see page 7)
- SAT., APR. 14, 7 PM** ***14TH ANNUAL GRAND CIVIL WAR BALL*** at the Century Club (see page 7)
- SUN., APR. 15, TBA** ***RAGTIME BRUNCH*** at Carmen's at the Radisson (see page 7)
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